

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 66, 68 and 70, and add new Claims 72 to 74 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 65. (Canceled)

66. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus connected with a printer via an interface, wherein the printer has no sensor for sensing a print setting, receives print data and an ID of a printer driver sent from the information processing apparatus, and has a storage unit for storing print settings contained in the received print data and a printing unit for performing printing based on the received print data, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a first obtaining unit, configured to obtain from the storage unit of the printer an ID of a printer driver that has given the printer a print instruction at a previous time;

a first determination unit, configured to determine whether or not the ID of the printer driver obtained from the storage unit and the ID of the printer driver that has given the printer a print instruction at a present time to determine whether or not a present user who gives a print instruction to a printer at the [[a]] present time is the same as the [[a]] previous user at the [[a]] previous time;

a second obtaining unit, configured to obtain a previous print setting used by the present user at a previous time from the storage unit of the printer when it is determined by said first determination unit that the present user is not the same as the previous user;

a second determination unit, configured to determine whether or not a present print setting set at the present time is the same as the [[a]] previous print setting at the previous time obtained from the storage unit of the printer by said second obtaining unit when it is determined by said first determination unit that the present user is not the same as the previous user;

a warning unit, configured to warn when it is determined by said second determination unit that the present print setting is not the same as the previous print setting;
and

a transmission unit, ~~configured~~ configure to transmit print data to the printer either when it is determined by said second determination unit that the present print setting is the same as the previous print setting or when it is determined by said first determination unit that the present user is the same as the previous user.

67. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 66, further comprising an [[a]] obtaining unit, configured to obtain a printer driver ID of a printer driver that gave a print instruction from the printer,

wherein said first determination unit determines whether or not a present user who gives a print instruction to a printer at the present time is the same as the previous user at the previous time by determining whether or not the printer driver ID obtained by

said obtaining unit is the same as a printer driver ID of a printer driver that gives a print instruction to the printer at the present time.

68. (Currently amended) An information processing method, comprising:

a first obtaining step of obtaining from a storage unit of a printer an ID of a printer driver that has given the printer a print instruction at a previous time;

a first determination step of determining whether or not the ID of the printer driver obtained from the storage unit and the ID of the printer driver that has given the printer a print instruction at a present time of determining whether or not a present user who gives a print instruction to a printer at the [[a]] present time is the same as the [[a]] previous user at the [[a]] previous time;

a second obtaining step of obtaining a previous print setting used by the present user at the previous time from the storage unit of the printer when it is determined in said first determination step that the present user is not the same as the previous user;

a second determination step of determining whether or not a present print setting set at the present time is the same as the [[a]] previous print setting at the previous time-obtained from the storage unit of the printer in said second obtaining step-when it is determined in said first determination step that the present user is not the same as the previous user;

a warning step of warning when it is determined in said second determination step that the present print setting is not the same as the previous print setting;
and

a transmission step of transmitting print data to the printer either when it is determined in said second determination step that the present print setting is the same as the previous print setting or when it is determined in said first determination step that the present user is the same as the previous user.

69. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 68, further comprising an ~~[[a]]~~ obtaining step of obtaining a printer driver ID of a printer driver that gave a print instruction from the ~~[[thee]]~~ printer,

wherein said first determination step determines whether or not the present user who gives a print instruction to a printer at the present time is the same as the previous user at the previous time by determining whether or not the printer driver ID obtained by said obtaining unit is the same as a printer driver ID of a printer driver that gives a print instruction to the printer at the present time.

70. (Currently amended) A computer-readable ~~computer readable~~-medium in which a computer-executable ~~computer executable~~ program is stored for making a computer perform an information processing method, said method comprising:

a first determination step of determining whether or not a present user who gives a print instruction to a printer at the present time is the same as a previous user at a previous time;

a second determination step of determining whether or not a present print setting set at the present time is the same as a previous print setting at the previous time obtained from the printer when it is determined in said first determination step that the present user is not the same as the previous user;

a warning step of warning when it is determined in said second determination step that the present print setting is not the same as the previous print setting; and

a transmission step of transmitting print data to the printer either when it is determined in said second determination step that the present print setting is the same as the previous print setting or when it is determined in said first determination step that the present user is the same as the previous user.

71. (Currently amended) The medium according to claim 70,

wherein said method further comprises a obtaining step of obtaining a printer driver ID of a printer driver that gave a print instruction from the [[thee]] printer, and

wherein said first determination step determines whether or not the present user who gives a print instruction to a printer at this time is the same as the previous user at the previous time by determining whether or not the printer driver ID obtained by said obtaining unit is the same as a printer driver ID of a printer driver that gives a print instruction to the printer at the previous time.

72. (New) An information processing apparatus connected with a printer via an interface, wherein the printer has no sensor for sensing a print setting, receives print data and an ID of a printer driver sent from the information processing apparatus, and has a storage unit for storing print settings contained in the received print data and a printing unit for performing printing based on the received print data, the information processing apparatus comprising:

- a first obtaining unit, configured to obtain from the storage unit of the printer an ID of a printer driver that has given the printer a print instruction at a previous time;

- a first determination unit, configured to determine whether or not the ID of printer driver obtained from the storage unit and the ID of the printer driver that has given the printer a print instruction at a present time to determine whether or not a present user who gives a print instruction to a printer at the present time is the same as the previous user at the previous time;

- a second obtaining unit, configured to obtain a previous print setting used by the present user at the previous time from the storage unit of the printer;

- a second determination unit, configured to determine whether or not a present print setting set at the present time is the same as the previous print setting obtained from the storage unit of the printer by said second obtaining unit;

- a warning unit, configured to warn when it is determined by said first determination unit that the present user is the same as the previous user and it is determined by said second determination unit that the present print setting is not the same as the previous print setting; and

a transmission unit, configured to transmit print data to the printer either when it is determined by said second determination unit that the present print setting is the same as the previous print setting or when it is determined by said first determination unit that the present user is the same as the previous user.

73. (New) A method for an information processing apparatus connected with a printer via an interface, wherein the printer has no sensor for sensing a print setting, receives print data and an ID of a printer driver sent from the information processing apparatus, and has a storage unit for storing print settings contained in the received print data and a printing unit for performing printing based on the received print data, the method comprising:

a first obtaining step of obtaining from the storage unit of the printer an ID of a printer driver that has given the printer a print instruction at a previous time;

a first determining step of determining whether or not the ID of printer driver obtained from the storage unit and the ID of the printer driver that has given the printer a print instruction at a present time to determine whether or not a present user who gives a print instruction to a printer at the present time is the same as the previous user at the previous time;

a second obtaining step of obtaining a previous print setting used by the present user at the previous time from the storage unit of the printer;

a second determining step of determining whether or not a present print setting set at the present time is the same as the previous print setting obtained from the storage unit of the printer by said second obtaining unit;

a warning step of warning when it is determined in said first determining step that the present user is the same as the previous user and it is determined in said second determining step that the present print setting is not the same as the previous print setting; and

a transmitting step of transmitting print data to the printer either when it is determined in said second determining step that the present print setting is the same as the previous print setting or when it is determined in said first determining step that the present user is the same as the previous user.

74. (New) A computer-readable medium storing a computer program for an information processing apparatus connected with a printer via an interface, wherein the printer has no sensor for sensing a print setting, receives print data and an ID of a printer driver sent from the information processing apparatus, and has a storage unit for storing print settings contained in the received print data and a printing unit for performing printing based on the received print data, the program comprising:

a first obtaining step of obtaining from the storage unit of the printer an ID of a printer driver that has given the printer a print instruction at a previous time;

a first determining step of determining whether or not the ID of printer driver obtained from the storage unit and the ID of the printer driver that has given the printer a print instruction at a present time to determine whether or not a present user who gives a print instruction to a printer at the present time is the same as the previous user at the previous time;

a second obtaining step of obtaining a previous print setting used by the present user at the previous time from the storage unit of the printer;

a second determining step of determining whether or not a present print setting set at the present time is the same as the previous print setting obtained from the storage unit of the printer by said second obtaining unit;

a warning step of warning when it is determined in said first determining step that the present user is the same as the previous user and it is determined in said second determining step that the present print setting is not the same as the previous print setting; and

a transmitting step of transmitting print data to the printer either when it is determined in said second determining step that the present print setting is the same as the previous print setting or when it is determined in said first determining step that the present user is the same as the previous user.